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SUBJ: UNGA LEGAL COMITE: REPORT OF ILC: ROMULO PROPOSAL

REF: (A) USUN 5490; (B) STATE 258980

1. USDEL WAS APPROACHED ON SUBJECT BY LEGAL COMITE MEXICAN DEL (LOPEZ) WHO HAS TAKEN LEAD IN CORRIDOR OPPOSITION TO ROMULO PROPOSAL(REFTEL A). USDEL TOOK OPPORTUNITY, PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL B, TO REAFFIRM US OPPOSITION TO ROMULO PROPOSAL AND TO EXPRESS WILLINGNESS DO WHAT WE CAN TO AVERT TABLING OF DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. LOPEZ CONSIDERED THERE IS LITTLE US CAN DO CONSTRUCTIVELY AT THIS STAGE. HE SAID THERE IS G-77 CONCERN WITH ROMULO PROPOSAL AND G-77 DESIRE PERSUADE ROMULO NOT RPT NOT TO TABLE DRAFT. LOPEZ INDICATED G-77 MAY CONVENE MEETING SOON TO DEAL WITH THIS QUESTION.

3. LOPEZ CONCURRED WITH USEL THAT ROMULO PROPOSAL WAS NOT RPT NOT LIKELY DO MEXICO OR US ANY GOOD ON ECONOMIC POLICY QUESTIONS AND THAT IT WOULD CAUSE MAJOR DAMAGE TO ILC.

4. WE HAVE SPOKEN DIRECTLY WITH PHILIPPINE COMITE 6 DELOFF AND TOLD HIM WE BELIEVE PROPOSAL WILL DO NO GOOD FOR ANYONE'S ECONOMIC POSITION BUT WILL DO CONSIDERABLE HARM TO ILD. HE THANKED US FOR OUR VIEWS AND SAID THEY WERE STILL CONSULTING AND HAD REACHED NO FINAL VIEWS.

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5. WE HAVE ALSO URGED SWEDISH AND NETHERLANDS COMITE 6
DELS TO APPROACH PHILIPPINES AS FRIENDS OF THE LDC'S WHO
BELIEVE THE ROMULO IDEA IS NOT IN TTHE INTERESTS OF LDC'S,
DC'S OR ILC.

6. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR YET WHETHER PHILIPPINES WILL
PRESS AHEAD AND TRY TO INSIST ON G-77 SOLIDARITY OR YIELD
TO THE ADVICE TO DRIP THE MATTER.
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